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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COUNTY CODE,
TITLE 3 – ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES,
CHAPTER 3.20,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of ordinance to amend County Code, Title 3 -
Advisory Commissions and Committees, Los Angeles County Code,
Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission to update
Section 3.20.040, Composition.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve and adopt the attached Ordinance (Exhibit I) to Title 3,
Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency
Medical Services Commission (EMS Commission), to amend the
provision relating to Section 3.20.40 (G), Composition, to reflect the
update of a nominating agency and the membership title of its nominee.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The County Code specifically identifies the agencies responsible for
nominating representatives to the EMS Commission. The EMS
Commission is comprised of 19 members nominated by various entities
throughout the County who serve for a term of four years. Approval of
the recommendation will amend the County Code to update the name
of one of the Commission's nominating agencies as well as update a
membership title to reflect the representation of a current member.

The responsibility of the Commission, among other duties, is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board and the Director of Health Services regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical care services throughout the County, including paramedic services. The Los Angeles Surgical Society, which was previously responsible for nominating an orthopedic, general or neurological surgeon as a representative to the Commission, has been incorporated into the Southern California Chapter American College of Surgeons, which is now responsible for nominating a trauma surgeon who practices in Los Angeles County at a designated trauma center.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goal

The recommended action supports Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This amendment comes at no cost to the County. The members of the EMS Commission serve without compensation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 7, 1981, the Board initially approved and adopted Ordinance 12332 to establish the EMS Commission in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276. The Board subsequently approved amending the subject Ordinance on January 29, 2008 to revise the selection of the licensed paramedic representative previously nominated by the California Rescue and Paramedic Association, to now be made by the California State Firefighters Association, Emergency Medical Services Committee, as the previous entity had ceased to operate.

On November 1, 2011, the Board approved amending the subject Ordinance to add representation from the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and the Southern California Public Health Association, increasing the membership to 19 Commission members, as well as clarifying the length of service requirements.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not Applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Ordinance will update the composition to reflect the current nominating entities and members.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

MHK:cc

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Emergency Medical Services Commission